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SUBJECT: A/OS GRANT

REF: A/OS - OM APRIL 1, 1975, RECEIVED APRIL 11.

1. POST/SCHOOL CANNOT CONCUR WITH DRASTICALLY
REDUCED PROPOSED GRANT FOR FY 1975 CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. UNLIKE SITUATION ELSEWHERE THERE IS NO US
BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ASUNCION TO PROVIDE KIND OF
SUPPORT SCHOOL REQUIRES. FUNDS MUST COME FROM USG
GRANT AND TUITION.

3. IF PROPOSED REDUCED GRANT WERE ACCEPTED, NEEDED
FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE SOUGHT THROUGH FURTHER
INCREASE IN TUITION WITH PARAGUAYANS ESPECIALLY HARD
HIT. ANTICIPATE POSSIBILITY MANY WOULD HAVE TO DROP
OUT AND SCHOOL'S TUITION EQUALIZATION PLAN WOULD HAVE
TO BE SCRAPPED.

4. PROPOSAL GIVES NO FUNDS TO CONTINUE IMPORTANT
LIBRARY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO CONFORM WITH THE
PRINCIPLE OF PROVIDING AN EDUCATION EQUAL TO
STATESIDE NORM.

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5. PRIOR GRANT MONIES WERE GIVEN TO UPDATE

LIBRARY AND AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT WHICH UNDER
THE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT PERMIT CONTINUATION
THESE EFFORTS.

7. POST-SCHOOL URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCREASE PROPOSED
AMOUNT TO 75,000 DOLLARS WHICH WHILE LEAN
WE CAN GET BY WITH.
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